

State Youth Council  
April 14, 2005  
8:30 am – 11:30 am  
Tri-County Workforce Center  
730 Simms St., Suite 300, Golden, CO 80401  
Conference Call: 888 469-3059, Access Code: 31830

- I. Introduction – New Co-Chair, Dani Crane  
New Member, Maureen Wirth, Colorado Department of Education
- II. Review of Minutes (March 2005)
- III. Office of Workforce Development Update – Aron Diaz, Steve Wright
  - A. PGL Update – Background & Decision Document
  - B. Youth Forum – Background & Decision Document
  - C. State Plan – Colorado's 2 Year plan is due shortly. Most if not all of the youth section will be built around the State Youth Council, it's mission, etc.
- IV. Governor's Summer Job Hunt – Julie Berge
- V. Youth Transition Grant – Sue Schierkolk

Recent Activity

- The activity and basis of the state plan of the YTG was presented to and approved by the SWIS Committee, and was subsequently approved by the Workforce Development Council at the meeting March 23d.
- 3 New sites have been approached and selected – Weld County, Denver, and Arapahoe/Douglas. A kickoff meeting will be conducted April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Colorado Community College System, President's Room, 9-3. If you would like to attend, please notify Steve Wright at (303) 866-2271.
- 3 Original sites (Boulder, Tri-County, Alamosa) have been working on revisions to their local plans based on feedback from the YTG state team. They have also been given technical assistance around data requirements, their local plans, etc.
- ODEP (Office of Disability Employment Policy) will be bringing all of the states together at the Pacer Center in Minnesota in late May. A comprehensive agenda is being developed, with input from all of the states.

VI. Youth Forum

- Most recent meeting was 3/30/05 at Urban Peak (residential community center for homeless & runaway youth)

- Toured the facility & spoke with some of the youth
- Barb Palmer, CDE, passed out matrix including 6 interagency initiatives focusing on at-risk youth in Colorado. Group discussed pros and cons of having some sort of oversight body over these initiatives or not.
- Al McMahon, a School-and-Main consultant who's worked with USDOL on the series of Youth Forums, attended the meeting and discussed the forums, federal agencies' intent, and next steps.
- Suggested that there may be federal coordinating funds available to states that are serious about making changes in youth policy.
- Next meeting May 3 at CCCS, Bob Coulson (Dept. of Human Services, Child Welfare) will bring matrix of services that youth need.

#### VII. Membership Committee

- The Membership sub-committee will be having a teleconference on April 25 to discuss the current status, identify gaps to be filled, identify orientation needs of new members, and to discuss how to work with DECA.
- Nicole Barden – It sounds like Nicole is leaving Colorado for an opportunity in Kentucky. Jim Patterson emailed OWD and indicated that he is working on an application for a new youth, and it should arrive in the next week or so.

#### VIII. Finance Committee

- The SWIS Committee will be approving upcoming budgets at their May meeting. Within that budget will be the Youth Discretionary allocations.
- Budget: PY04 = \$75,182.00 Expires June 2007  
PY03 = \$2,049.00 Expires June 2006

#### IX. Other Items